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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT FRG ACTIVITIES IN
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REF: (A) USBER 670; (B) MOSCOW 4789; (C) STATE 77578;
(D) USBER 67L

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO COMPLAINTS RAISED BY
SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR
WORMSER ON APRIL 4 (REF D), SOVIETS ON SAME DAY MADE
DEMARCHES IN LONDON AND PARIS, PARALLELING VORONTSOV'S
CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. BONN GROUP AGREES
ON DESIRABILITY OF WORKING ON REPLIES HERE, BUT UK AND
FRENCH REPS NEED FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THEIR
CAPITALS BEFORE DEGREE OF SIMILARITY OF SOVIET DEMARCHES
IN THREE CAPITALS CAN BE DETERMINED. END SUMMARY.

1. US REP DISTRIBUTED TEXT OF VORONTSOV'S "NON-PAPER"
(REF C) TO OTHER BONN GROUP REPS ON APRIL 7 AND, AT
APRIL 8 BONN GROUP MEETING, REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM
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PARAS 5 AND 6 OF REF C.

2. REPORT BY UK REP (CULLIMORE) INDICATED THAT ORAL DEMARCHE WHICH SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LONDON HAD MADE TO MINISTER OF STATE ENNELS IN FCO ON APRIL 4 WAS SIMILAR TO THAT MADE BY VORONTSOV IN WASHINGTON BUT POSSIBLY BRIEFER; HE HAD NOT LEFT A PAPER, AND UK REPORTING TELEGRAM DID NOT INCLUDE MUCH DETAIL SINCE FCO IS SENDING FULL REPORT TO UK EMBASSY HERE BY POUCH. ENNELS HAD RESPONDED THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF STATEMENT BUT COMMENTED THAT LORENZ KIDNAPPING HAD BEEN A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, THAT LONDON HAD EXPERIENCED SHOCK AND THEN RELIEF THAT LORENZ HAD ESCAPED HARM.

3. IN PARIS, AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO ALSO MADE A DEMARCHE ON APRIL 4 TO STATE SECRETARY DESTREMAU AND RAISED SEVERAL POINTS ABOUT GERMANY. ACCORDING TO FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU), HOWEVER, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT THOSE POINTS WERE -- PERHAPS, ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, BECAUSE DESTREMAU IS NOT CURRENT ON GERMAN PROBLEMS. CHERVONENKO APPARENTLY REALIZED HIS MESSAGE DIDN'T GET THROUGH, AS HE HAD ARRANGED TO MAKE A NEW DEMARCHE APRIL 8, THIS TIME TO QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL COURCEL.

4. FRG REP (KASTRUP) SAID FRG HAD NOT RECEIVED A SOVIET COMPLAINT ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. BONN GROUP AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF WORKING JOINTLY ON REPLY BUT THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO ASCERTAIN FIRST DEGREE OF SIMILARITY OF SOVIET DEMARCHES IN THREE CAPITALS. WE WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT AS SOON AS FURTHER UK AND FRENCH REPORTING AVAILABLE. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY APPRECIATES USBER'S HELPFUL DOCUMENTATION OF STEPS TAKEN IN COURSE OF LORENZ AFFAIR TO ASSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH QA AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ALLIED RESPONSE (REF A). PENDING FULLER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ALLIES, WE ALSO TEND TO AGREE WITH USBER THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID DETAILED EXPLANATIONS IN OUR RESPONSE, BOTH BECAUSE IT COULD SOUND DEFENSIVE AND BECAUSE IT WOULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT.

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